



Clinic with a
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The Pulse Newsletter

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Representing Love:

Mostly I carry an overwhelming awe for what our volunteers accomplish on a clinic night. They are amazing. But every once in awhile I am overwhelmed with the burdens our patients are carrying. At a

recent clinic our provider was getting ready to tell a patient that they probably have cancer. As that was happening, another young woman was being sent to the emergency room. She did not have anyone to give her a ride or pick her up. She was alone. I stood in the lobby, saw a room full of people, and realized there was much suffering. It is on those nights I weep on my way home.

It is on those nights too that I am reminded that we are driven by faith and that faith makes our view different. Faith isn't a magic wand that makes suffering disappear; rather, it brings love to the table. God is with us. Our faith surrounds the work of our volunteers and the burdens of our patients. God gives us the strength to stand in the suffering and show love to our neighbors. For many, that love is something they have never experienced before. Thanks to all who join us and surround the work of Clinic with a Heart with love. -- Teresa Harms, Executive Director

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." First Corinthians 13:7

Dental Expansion: In 2016 there were nearly 1,000 patients who went to emergency departments in Lincoln due to dental pain. Many of the patients are uninsured and do not have a dental home. Our Dental Director, Dr. Roger Fisher, envisions a



dental expansion program for Clinic with a Heart to meet the needs of patients with dental pain. With dental expansion, we will evolve from an exam only clinic to a clinic offering extractions. We hope to have the expansion

completed in early 2018. If you have a dental background and are interested in volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Director, <mailto:spencer@clinicwithaheart.org>.



VSP Mobile Eyes:

Twice a month Optometrists and Ophthalmologists volunteer at clinic to provide free eye exams.

Glasses are provided, free of charge, for patients who need them. Last year, 247 patients had eye exams at the clinic. There is such a high demand for vision services that we often have more patients than we are able to see. This year, VSP donated 80 certificates to Clinic with a Heart to give to patients who qualify. These certificates are part of their "Eyes of Hope" program. The certificates can be used for an eye exam and free glasses at participating vision clinics in Lincoln. Thank you to VSP and the doctors who see our patients!



Change is Good: If you've ever wondered if those nickels and dimes you throw into a donation box at a cash register really make a

difference...they do. Back in 2012, Slim Hergert, owner of several Super C convenience stores

around town, suggested Clinic with a Heart place donation boxes next to his store registers. We originally had donation boxes at two locations. We're thrilled to now have Clinic with a Heart donation boxes at nine Super C stores, including two new locations in Denton and Ceresco.

Change adds up! Since 2012, we've collected over \$10,000 in spare change donated by Super C customers. When we make the rounds collecting money from the donation boxes, it's not uncommon for us to hear, "Thanks for all you do!" from a customer who sees us emptying the boxes. Occasionally we hear a story about how helpful the Clinic has been to them or to someone they know. It's a reminder that patients who come to Clinic are all around us.

Slim has supported Clinic with a Heart for many years. As Slim stated simply, "The Clinic is very important to Lincoln." He supports and is inspired by our mission providing free healthcare to those in need in our community. We are thankful for him and his loyal Super C patrons who toss their change in our direction. For every penny, nickel, dime and quarter, we are appreciative because we know how quickly it adds up. Change is good!



Fun-raisers!

- **Saltdogs Fundraiser:** We are selling lower reserved ticket vouchers to any of the home Saltdogs games for the 2017 season! You may purchase vouchers through our website and redeem them at the box office: (<https://clinicwithaheart-org.presencehost.net/news-events/salt-dogs-for-clinic-with-a-heart.html>) We will also be having a special Clinic with a Heart night at the ballpark on Friday, August 11th. This is also light-saber giveaway night (adults included) and a fireworks night! Ticket vouchers purchased through our website may also be used on this night.
- **A Night at the Museum -- Kuck Motorsports Collection:** On October 5, 2017, Lincoln South Rotary and Clinic with a Heart will hold a fundraiser at the Kuck Motorsports Collection. This is a unique opportunity to support two

important causes and experience one of the best kept secrets in Lincoln - a collection of over 100 antique cars. The October 5th event will run from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and will include a tour of the automobile collection, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. All proceeds from this event will support the operations of Clinic with a Heart and provide scholarships for students wanting to continue their higher education. The format for the evening will be casual. Food will be available from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Kuck Motorsports requests that guests be 21 years of age or older because of the liability when serving alcohol. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased online at clinicwithaheart.org

- **Clinic with a Heart Golf Tournament:** On Monday, August 28th, we will be holding our 9th Annual Golf Tournament at Firethorn. The event sold out quickly, and over 30 teams will be participating. The golf committee, chaired once again by Dale Roehrs, has been working hard to get everything ready. Big thanks goes out to all our event sponsors this year: Buckingham Strategic Wealth, Foundation Building Materials, Joe and Jeanette Adams, UBS - Summit Wealth Management Group, Ross and Judy Wilcox, Goodcents, Palliative Care Services of Nebraska, and NuVasive. Thank you as well to our hole sponsors and all the golfers who support our Clinic through this event!

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"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand." -- Mother Teresa